

Travel and Maintenance

This chapter tells you what to do when traveling with the notebook. A section discusses notebook maintenance.

5.1 Traveling with the Notebook

Follow these steps to prepare the notebook for travel:

1. Make diskette copies of important files on the hard disk.
2. Turn off the notebook and all peripherals.
3. Make sure the LCD display is properly closed.
4. Disconnect the AC adapter and all peripherals.
5. Place the notebook, AC adapter and extra battery pack in a carrying bag.
6. Hand-carry the notebook. **Do not check it in as luggage!**



The notebook can pass through airport X-ray equipment, but metal detectors may damage the system (i.e., hard disk drive).

7. Check with your airline if they allow the use of notebooks on the aircraft.

8. When traveling in another country, check that the local AC voltage and the AC adapter power cord specifications are compatible. If not, purchase a power cord that is compatible with the local AC voltage. Do not use converter kits sold for appliances to power the system.
9. Check also if the PC card modem and connector used with your notebook is compatible with the telecom system of the country you are traveling in.

International Traveler's Warranty

Your notebook is backed by an international warranty that gives you security and peace of mind when traveling. Our worldwide network of certified service centers are there to give you a helping hand.

5.2 Caring for the System

This section tells you how to care for the system. Also, re-read the important safety instructions at the beginning of this manual.

5.2.1 System Hardware

- Do not expose the notebook to rain, liquid or moisture.
- Do not place near sources of heat, such as a radiator.
- Do not expose to temperatures below 0°C (32°F) or above 50°C (122°F).
- Never place objects on top of the notebook to avoid damaging the notebook.

5.2.2 AC Adapter

- Do not connect the adapter to any other device.
- Do not step on the power cord or place heavy objects on top of it. Carefully route the power cord and any cables away from personal traffic.
- The total ampere ratings of the equipment plugged in should not exceed the ampere rating of the cord if you are using an extension cord. Also, the total current rating of all equipment plugged into a single wall outlet should not exceed the fuse rating.

5.2.3 Battery Pack

- Use only batteries of the same kind as replacements. Turn the power off before removing or replacing batteries.
- Do not tamper with batteries. Keep them away from children.

- Dispose of used batteries according to local regulations. Recycle if at all possible.

5.2.4 Diskettes

- Always make backup copies of diskettes that contain important data or program files.
- Keep diskettes away from magnetic fields and sources of heat.
- Avoid removing a diskette from a drive when the diskette drive activity light is on.
- Write-protect your diskettes to prevent inadvertent erasure. To do this, slide the write-protect tab to the write-protect position.

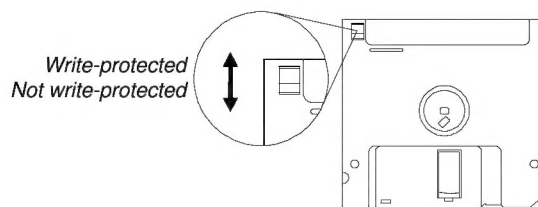


Figure 5-1 Write-protecting a 3.5-inch Diskette

- When you put a label on a 3.5-inch diskette, make sure that the label is properly attached (flat on the surface) and within the labelling area (area with slight surface depression) on the diskette. An improperly attached label may cause a diskette to get stuck in the drive when you are inserting or removing it.

5.2.5 Cleaning and Servicing

- Turn the notebook off and remove the battery pack
- Disconnect the AC adapter.
- Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a soft cloth moistened with water instead.
- Contact your dealer or see your service technician if any of the following occurs:
 - Notebook has been dropped or the chassis has been damaged.
 - Liquid has been spilled into the product.
 - The notebook does not operate normally.